

Mrs. A.—"What a pleasant person Mrs. Greene is to visit! She always receives one so courteously, you know."

Mrs. B.—"Why, that's the only reason that I do not call upon her. It is a sign of vulgarity, don't you know, to appear so pleased to see visitors. It looks as though you were not in the habit of receiving company."—*Boston Transcript*.

So far I have said nothing about the people  
 Yet there is much to say. After China, with  
 its hundreds of thousands of great, brown  
 coolies and its slim ones, who will walk all day  
 till hills under burdens that would flow a  
 European shute on the level, the Annamese  
 strike you as a nation of pigmies. Their  
 average height must be under five feet, they are  
 narrow-chested and thin-legged, their mouths  
 are always stained a slobbering, filthy red  
 with the areca nut and lime they chew unces-  
 santly, and they are stupid beyond the power of  
 words to tell. Whether it is the fault of their  
 conquerors or not I cannot say, but

digest. This takes four hours to digest, while meat stew only takes one hour. Tripe is hard to digest. Fried meats are always indigestible. Always have the meat broiled. Bread fresh and hot should be avoided. Bread one day old is best. Highly seasoned foods are not generally good, although some people must have them seasoned. What agrees with one person does not agree with another. I think Americans eat too many sweets, but they are a sweet-eating people."

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First Doctor—"I hear you treated my neighbor for typhus fever. Was it a bad case?"

Second Doctor—"Yes, it was. The man never paid his bill."—*Offenbacher Zeitung.*

**A HOME MADE DIVAN.**

I wanted a divan, and as my capital was exhausted, I had to make one. I could with ingenuity have to supply its place to some extent. Fortunately for me there is a garret where I can crawl at times for hidden treasure in various forms. There I went when the desire for a divan took possession of me. Packed in a box I found a sofa of good quality, and a good was a crib mattress of good size, filled with soft curled hair. I appropriated it at once, and going to a dry goods store I got a ticking box of the same size and of the right height for a comfortable seat. I then made a cushion of the denim, with which I concealed the sides of the box, also a loose cover for the mattress with denim, the only Turkey carpet I had to bestow on the apartment. The rug predominating in the rug is soft old pink and the effect is very pretty. The divan nearly fills the alcove, and I pushed it close to the wall in one corner, where it piled up a corner for the comfort of the lounger. One large cushion is covered with the denim plain and a smaller one with denim embroidered in cream on a green ground with a blue and white arabesque, which I adapted from the wall paper. The other two cushions are covered with India

potatoes, onions and juice of clams. Cook two and a half hours, then add the clams; finally, fifteen minutes before serving, add two cups of milk.

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